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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2308

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Atsushi MURAKOSHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2881  
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Application No.: 09/559,345 ) Examiner: Kiet Tuan Nguyen  
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Filed: April 27, 2000 )  
)  
For: ION GENERATION METHOD AND )  
FILAMENT FOR ION )  
GENERATION APPARATUS )  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 20, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 4 and 8, amend claim 1, and add new claims 21-23 as follows:

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